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Filed: September 4, 1997

Examiner: R. Sedighian

Title: Method and System for Modular Multiplexing and Amplification in a Multi-Channel Plan

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**  
**(NO ABANDONMENT IN FACT)**

On May 10, 2005, Applicants received a Notice of Abandonment dated May 4, 2005, stating that the above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed March 8, 2004. The Notice of Abandonment suggests that no issue fee was submitted in response to the Notice.

Applicants submit that the issue fee was paid on April 30, 2004. In addition to the Issue Fee Transmittal form (including the authorization to charge Applicants Deposit Account for the issue fee), Applicants submitted an Issue Fee Transmittal (with a proper certificate of transmission), a Request for Consideration of Previously Submitted documents (the Examiner failed to consider documents timely filed on April 21, 1999, prior to allowance of the above-noted application), and a PTO-1449 Form (1 pages).

A copy of the documents submitted with the Issue Fee Transmittal (with a proper certificate of transmission) along with a copy of the Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission acknowledging receipt of all of the aforementioned papers is enclosed with this Request.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that there has been no abandonment in fact and respectfully request reconsideration of the holding of abandonment of the present application.

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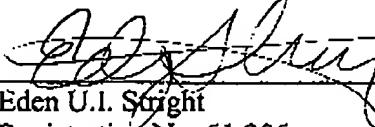
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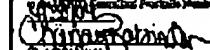
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 Serial No.: 08/973,431      Art Unit: 2633  
 Filed: September 4, 1997      Examiner: R. Godighian  
 Title: Method and System for Modular Multiplexing and Amplification in a Multi-Channel Plan

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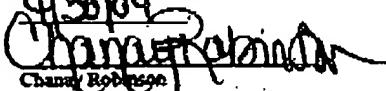
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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
08/923,461	09/04/1997	VIRT I.F.	RIC-96-153	2639

## TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MODULAR MULTIPLEXING AND AMPLIFICATION IN A MULTI-CHANNEL PLAN

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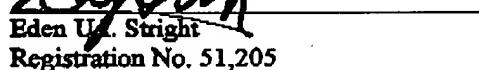
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Applicants request consideration of the PTO-1449 Form(s) which was previously submitted on April 21, 1999. Applicants request consideration of the documents cited therein and that the Examiner initial each document and return the initialed copies to Applicants. A copy of the PTO-1449 Form is attached herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

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